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Drawing Amendments

There are no amendments to the drawings.

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Remarks

The Office Action mailed 12/13/2005 rejected claims 1-2, 9-16, 35-36 and 42-49 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,604,786 of R. M. Engelke, et al (hereafter referred to as Engelke '786) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,724,405 of R. M. Engelke, et al (hereafter referred to as Engelke '405). Further, the Office Action rejected claims 17-19 and 50-52 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Engelke '786 in view of Engelke '405 and further in view of Patent No. 6,021,178 of M. E. Locke, et al (hereafter referred to as Locke). Claims 3-8 and 37-41 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 20-33 were allowed. Claims 1, 4, 5, 11, 14, 17, 35, 38, 39, 44, 47, and 50 are being amended. Claims 2, 3, 9, 10, 34, 36, 37, 42, and 43 are being canceled.

Rejection of Claims 1, 11-16, 35, and 44-49 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Engelke '786 in view of Engelke '405

The Office Action stated that claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Amended claim 1

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incorporates the material of canceled claims 2 and 3 and is allowable for the reasons stated in the Office Action.

Claims 4, 15, and 16 are directly or indirectly dependent on amended claim 1 and are patentable for at least the same reasons.

Claims 35, 38, 48, and 49 are patentable for the same reasons as claims 1, 4, 15, and 16.

The Office Action stated that claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Amended claim 5 incorporates the material of canceled claims 2 and 3 and is allowable for the reasons stated in the Office Action.

Claims 6-8 and 11-14, are directly or indirectly dependent on amended claim 5 and are patentable for at least the same reasons.

Claims 39-41 and 44-47 are patentable for the same reasons as claims 5-8 and 11-14.

Rejection of Claims 17-19 and 50-52 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Engelke '786 in view of Engelke '405 further in view of Locke

This rejection is respectfully rejected. Claims 17-19 are directly or indirectly dependent on amended claim 5 and are patentable for at least the same reasons since the combination of Locke with Engelke '786 and Engelke '405 does not make amended claim 5 unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Note, that the Office Action only relied on Locke for disclosing a voice message system.

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Claims 50-52 are directly or indirectly dependent on amended claim 39 and are patentable for at least the same reasons since the combination of Locke with Engelke '786 and Engelke '405 does not make amended claim 39 unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Note, that the Office Action only relied on Locke for disclosing a voice message system.

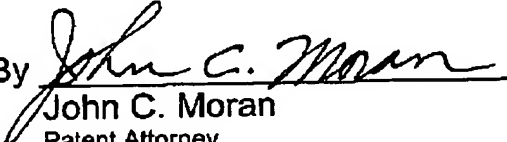
Summary

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests consideration of amended claims 1, 4, 5, 11, 14, 17, 35, 38, 39, 44, 47, and 50 and reconsideration of original claims 6-8, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 40, 41, 45, 46, 48, 49, 51, and 52, and allowance of these claims.

Although the foregoing is believed to be dispositive of the issues in the application, if the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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